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SUBJECT: IRAQ'S CALL FOR ELIMINATION U.S. INTERESTS

1. SINCE IRAQ HAS LITTLE TO LOSE IT IS IN STRONG POSITION TO CALL
FOR CUTTING OF TIES AND ELIMINATION OF ALL U.S. INTERESTS IN ARAB

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WORLD. ALTHOUGH ADDRESSEES AWARE OF THIS FACT, FOLLOWING

INFO MAY BE USEFUL.

2. NATIONALIZATION OF EXXON AND MOBIL ON OCT 7 REMOVED LAST SUBSTANTIAL AMERICAN INVESTMENT IN IRAQ; NO U.S. AIRCRAFT LAND HERE (ALTHOUGH PANAM OVERFLIES); IRAQ'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE HOLDINGS IN DOLLARS OR U.S. BANKS ARE NOT SIGNIFICANT; IRAQ EXPORTS ONLY SMALL QUANTITY OIL TO U.S.; AND NO DIPLOMATIC OR OFFICIAL TIES OF SIGNIFICANCE EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. OFFICIAL CONTACTS THAT DO EXIST ARE THROUGH TWO AMERICAN AND FIVE IRAQI INTERSEC IN WASHINGTON.

3. MAIN AREA OF DEVELOPING MUTUAL INTEREST DURING PAST SEVEN MONTHS WAS STRONG IRAQI INTEREST IN OBTAINING AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY AND POSSIBLY FINANCING. TWO MOST SIGNIFICANT EXAMPLES WERE JULY 24 PURCHASE OF BOEING A/C AND 120 MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT SIGNED WITH BROWN AND ROOT ON SEPT 21 FOR DEEP SEA TERMINAL. THESE COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS MAY SURVIVE WAR, BUT AS ANTI-U.S. SENTIMENT GROWS CANCELLATION BECOMES DISTINCT POSSIBILITY. ON OCT 19 U.S. FIRMS WERE FOR EXAMPLE PASSED OVER FOR 700 MILLION DOLLAR PIPELINE CONTRACT IN FAVOR OF ITALIANS IN WHAT WAS CLEARLY POLITICAL DECISION (BAGHDAD 571). IT NOW APPEARS, THEREFORE, THAT EVEN IN THIS AREA BAATH REGIME HAS DECIDED THAT POLITICAL IMPERATIVES OVERRULE PREFERENCE OF TECHNOCRATS FOR U.S. COMPANIES AND PRODUCTS.

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